

Enlisted corps to honor COMUSAFE with Order of the Sword induction

By Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) — The U.S. Air Forces in Europe enlisted corps will bestow their highest honor on the USAFE commander Aug. 26 when they induct him into the command's Order of the Sword.

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong accepted the invitation in the presence of USAFE's command chief master sergeants and first sergeants from the First Sergeants Academy during a formal presentation June 22 at the 11th Worldwide Command Chiefs Conference held at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

"This is such serious business," said General Foglesong, overwhelmed by the invitation. "I'm very honored and touched."

Chief Master Sgt. Gary G. Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant, who formally presented General Foglesong with the invitation on behalf of the enlisted corps, said the decision to honor the general was unanimous across the command.

"It's our way — the best way — of honoring General Foglesong for his total dedication, and passionate concern for USAFE enlisted men and women and their families," said Chief Coleman.

"Since taking the USAFE flag, General Foglesong has worked tirelessly supporting the enlisted force under his command," the chief said. "We can take any one of the 15 Combat and Special Interest Programs he's instituted within this command and see that they embody the development of the enlisted force. Strengthening the work and personal environments of members throughout USAFE, the general has not only made USAFE the best place to live and work, but he's created an environment for our Airmen to grow — spiritually, mentally and physically."

A 33-year Air Force veteran who has commanded USAFE since August 2003, General Foglesong will become only the 16th recipient honored with the USAFE Order of the Sword when the enlisted corps formally induct him in August.

"This is not an award we present lightly; every Airman in this command can take pride in this induction," Chief Coleman said. "We are honoring a great leader whose vision and focus has ensured we are ready to fight and postured to respond anywhere in the world, while providing superior services to you — the world-class men and women of USAFE."

It's also not an award the general is taking lightly.



Photo by Carl Bergquist

Flanked by other U.S. Air Forces in Europe command chief master sergeants, Chief Master Sgt. Gary G. Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant, right, and Chief Master Sgt. Stephen K. Hutton, the command chief from the 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy, present Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander, with a formal invitation for induction to the USAFE Order of the Sword June 22. The presentation took place at the 11th Worldwide Command Chief's Conference, held at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. A 33-year Air Force veteran, General Foglesong will become only the sixteenth person inducted into the USAFE Order of the Sword during the induction ceremony to be held Aug. 26.

"My dad was an NCO in the U.S. Navy and I fully realize what this induction means," said the general, who plans to send the induction announcement to his mother. "I couldn't be more humbled, and I know my mother will be proud."

The Order of the Sword is the highest honor the Air Force

From the top: *25 things I believe*

By Col. Kurtis Lohide

435th Air Base Wing commander

I am excited and humbled about the opportunity to command the outstanding men and women of the 435th Air Base Wing. During my tenure I look forward to carrying on the great work started by my predecessor, Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey.

Our wing's mission goal is quite simple: to provide world class support to our customers throughout the KMC. As a major subset of this mission, the 435th ABW will be a key enabler of U.S. Air Forces in Europe Combat and Special Interest programs.

As I said at my change of command, I seldom find it useful to talk about myself. That said, I do feel it is important for a new commander to detail his basic operating principals. Outlined below are those personal beliefs that I listed in my change of command speech. These beliefs will guide my actions during my command tenure.

25 things I believe

1. I believe disagreement is not disrespect, but everybody needs to be on board once a decision is made.

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enlisted corps can bestow on an officer. The tradition dates back to medieval times, when noncommissioned officers presented their leaders with a sword as a symbolic gesture of loyalty. It is patterned after two orders of chivalry founded in Europe during the Middle Ages — the Royal Order of the Sword and the Swedish Military Order of the Sword. Both orders still exist today.

For more information about the August ceremony, contact your wing command chief or first sergeant.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christina Rumsey

Col. Kurtis Lohide, 435th Air Base Wing commander, spoke about his 25 personal beliefs during his change-of-command ceremony June 16 at Ramstein.

2. I believe if you're not working your boss' agenda, you're working the wrong agenda.

3. I believe leadership by e-mail isn't leadership.

4. I believe it's better to go through life spring loaded to the "yes" position than the "no" position.

5. I believe base appearance is a litmus test for excellence.

6. I believe the appearance of an impropriety is an impropriety.

7. I believe that if you're in the Air Force, then every Air Force problem is your problem.

8. I believe if you walk by a problem then you're part of the problem.

9. I believe you need to think in terms of we, us, and ours, not I, me, and mine.

10. I believe you can't be a good

think you are.

18. I believe sometimes the solution is simply you have to work harder.

19. I believe our new Airmen and officers are better today than they were when I was young.

20. I believe we are not a one mistake

Air Force, but we are a one crime Air Force.

21. I believe you should treat everyone with dignity and respect unless their actions dictate otherwise.

22. I believe our Air Force senior leaders care more about our Airmen's welfare than they do their own.

23. I believe we're

winning the Global War on Terrorism.

24. I believe my two most important titles will always be husband and father.

25. I believe God has blessed America.

wingman if you're not physically fit.

11. I believe you should never bring your boss a problem unless you also bring a solution.

12. I believe 90 percent of all problems can be solved with leadership and the other 10 percent can be solved with hard work.

13. I believe leadership is an analog skill.

14. I believe anything of importance can be written on one page.

15. I believe our current ops tempo isn't a surge, it's the new steady state.

16. I believe I can make mistakes.

17. I believe you are never as good as you

As the 435th ABW commander, Col. Lohide is responsible for seven groups, 26 squadrons and approximately 5,000 personnel in 27 geographically separated units, including the air base group at Rhein-Main.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

The next Beckham?

Ryan Routley, an instructor for the Bobby Charlton Soccer Camp, helps Nathan Stanforth, son of Master Sgt. William Stanforth, 469th Air Base Group Communications Flight and his wife Joanna, with his footwork Monday as Lucy Osterhaus, daughter of Maj. Heather Osterhaus, 469th ABG Legal Office and her husband Ben, waits for instruction. More than 35 children took part in the final event for Rhein-Main's Family Member Program Flight.

Independence Day: *America's celebration of freedom*

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) –

For the past 229 years, Americans have commemorated the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This document, signed by our great country's forefathers, conceived a new nation and put into writing the democratic freedoms and inalienable rights we so cherish today.

Since its conception, the principles of the Declaration of Independence — Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness — have been a bedrock of inspiration. Our belief in the vision it established unites us as Americans and as those in service to our nation.

From the Revolutionary War to Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, Americans have sacrificed their sons and

daughters for our coveted virtues of freedom, democracy and equality. Bringing their courage to the fight, many of these young men and women have paid the ultimate price for the liberties we enjoy today.

As we celebrate this 4th of July with family and friends, let us remember our brothers and sisters in arms who are deployed on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan ensuring our freedoms at home and around the world.

In addition, as you enjoy the traditional picnics and barbecues, also reflect on Old Glory and everything she represents. Every day our flag flies high as a symbol of peace and freedom; as America's military we're tasked with preserving these cherished rights.

Thanks for all the great work you do for U.S. Air Forces in Europe, the United States of America and the world!

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The opportunity is before us

July begins the final six months before we shut off the lights and close the door at Rhein-Main one last time.

School has let out, summer has hit, and many military, civilian and family members are beginning to prepare for their departures in the coming months.

More moving trucks are filling Gateway Gardens daily, some base services have begun to taper their hours, or close down their facilities all together. But, as we approach these busy, stressful, and less convenient days we must keep in mind that a positive attitude, attention to detail and teamwork will make these days easier.

Base leadership has been planning for the closure execution stage for more than two years and it's upon us. The few of us who will remain here to complete the task have the opportunity to help write Rhein-Main's final chapter and shape our careers for the better with the experiences we will gain in the next few months.

Many people's jobs have altered – switching from a job they were comfortable performing to expanding their operational focus while concluding their function and closing their facility.

It will take the entire Team Rhein-Main collectively to perform these new tasks with the grace and thoroughness necessary to close this historic installation.

It's important for those of us who are staying here through closure to be slow to complain the next few months

that people and services will continue to decrease quickly.

The Air Force Wingman concept could not have been introduced at a better time for us. I have mentally prepared myself to watch most of my friends and my family move on to the next duty station while I continue to shut down base services.

I know I will be frustrated some days because closing down a base is a new job for me as well. Our leaders have smartly planned for a reliance on

surrounding military communities for necessary services, so it's up to us to exercise those plans to take care of our mission, troops, families and also ourselves.

When I hit the ground at Rhein-Main, I was struck by the story of my boss at the time. The break in his career came during his first job at a closure base, when he stepped forward and accepted the role of flight chief. His positive attitude, willingness to accept

responsibility and attention to detail were traits he honed there. Subsequently, I learned from him before he left here for a second promotion since his original closure base.

We work daily with many people at Rhein-Main who hold these similar qualities.

As sand continues to slip quickly from the hour glass, continue to employ these traits and the Wingman concept maintaining our mission, can-do attitude and ourselves through closure.



By Capt. Matthew Orlowsky
469th Air Base Group
Services Flight
deputy director

The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf. If you have any questions, call Public Affairs.



Col. Bradley Denison
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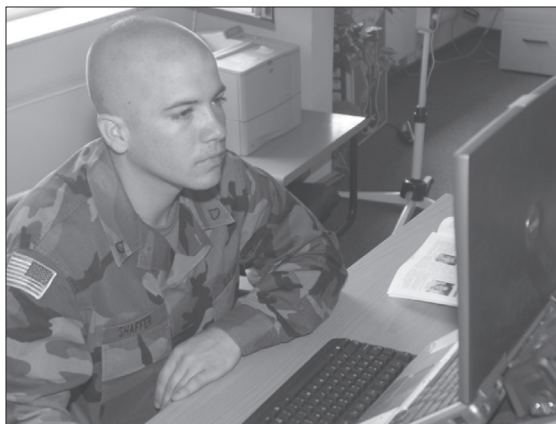
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Warriors of the Week



Pfc. Andrew Shaffer

Unit: 64th Replacement Company

Time in Army: 2 years

Time at Rhein-Main: 1 year, 6 months

Duty Title: NCO in charge, assistant transportation

Hometown: Ozona, Texas

Hobbies: Participating in sports, reading and watching movies.

What has been your best Army experience?

Being stationed in Germany and having the opportunity to travel throughout Europe.



Spc. Renaldo Flanders

Unit: 64th Replacement Company

Time in Army: 4 years, 6 months

Time at Rhein-Main: 1 year, 6 months

Duty Title: Supply specialist

Hometown: Miami, Fla.

Hobbies: Swimming, traveling and playing football.

What has been your best Army experience?

Being in the Army and having the chance to meet new people.



Closure Corner

This section is devoted to giving the Rhein-Main Community the most up-to-date information concerning base closure issues. All dates presented in this section are subject to change based on: manpower figures, personnel assignment information and ongoing U.S. Air Forces in Europe coordination.

Q: What is the last date someone can make an unaccompanied baggage, household goods, or personally owned vehicle shipment?

A: This date has not been established by the 469th Air Base Group commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe or the European Theater Consolidated Personal Property Shipment Office. Currently, Pacific Architects and Engineers Traffic Management Office is scheduled to close Oct. 31, and the last shipments will be accepted until on/about Oct.

21 to allow for the control of shipment paperwork received and booked by the CPPSO in Grafenwoehr, Germany. There are arrangements being made to have personal property shipments made after PAE TMO closes. Locations have not been finalized. The intent is to have TMO personnel from Darmstadt or Wiesbaden here at Rhein-Main providing that service.

Q: When will I get my port call?

A: Service members will need to check with the 469th ABG Commander's Support Staff for an AF Form-1546

(Request for Flight/Surface Reservations) and then visit the TMO Passenger Section in Bldg. 347 for travel reservations?

Q: If I am staying to closure how long can I keep my car before I will need to ship it?

A: This is a personal decision. You may keep your POV as long as you wish to, but must remember that you or a designated representative with a power of attorney must deliver the POV to Mainz Kastel. Please contact the Vehicle Processing Center in Mainz-Kastel, at DSN 334-2723, or commercial 06134-69-303 for additional information..

Q: Do you have a list of what items can be included in a families "hold baggage" when PCSing?

A: Members can stop by TMO in Bldg. 347 and pick up a copy of the "It's Your Move" pamphlet or go online at www.mtmc.army.mil.

Sexual assault

USAFE initiates new response guidelines

By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – New guidelines for restricted reporting of sexual assaults went into effect in U.S. Air Forces in Europe June 14.

Under the new policy, active-duty or active-reserve status Airmen who are victims of a sexual assault may report the assault to specified individuals without automatically initiating an investigation or having their name, or the name of their assailant, reported up through their chain of command.

The aim of the new policy is to ensure victims receive medical care and victim advocacy regardless of whether they want to report the assault and start an investigation.

“Our first concern remains the health and well-being of the victim,” said Col. Mark Ediger, USAFE Surgeon General command surgeon. “We are committed to ensuring they receive medical care and support as soon as possible.”

Under the policy, sexual assault response coordinators, healthcare providers and SARC-appointed victim advocates may receive these restricted reports. Chaplains already possess confidentiality privilege.

The SARC is a new position intended to ensure effective sexual assault response and prevention efforts.

Installation SARCs are considered the center of gravity when it comes to ensuring that victims of sexual assault receive appropriate and responsive care, said Teresa Beasley, USAFE SARC. They will have oversight responsibility for the victim advocates, serve as chairperson of a case management group, track the dispositions of all military sexual assault cases for their designated area of responsibility, provide regular updates to the vice wing commander, and assist with training requirements.

Any report of a sexual assault made

through normal reporting channels, including the victim’s chain of command, law enforcement and AFOSI, is still considered an unrestricted report.

“We want victims to know that the choice (whether or not to start an investigation) is theirs when they make a restricted report, and they don’t have to decide today,” she said. “The victim has plenty of time to make that decision; we just want to get them the help they deserve.”

A restricted report can be made unrestricted at any time; however, evidence collected will be disposed of after one year, Ms. Beasley said. Restricted reporting is intended to give a victim additional time and increased control over the release and management of his or her personal information. The additional time also gives the victim time to get more information and support to make an informed decision about participating in an investigation, she said.

“People who have been raped or sexually assaulted often feel so out of control and violated that they may not trust anyone,” she said. “A lot of people don’t feel ready to make the report right after it’s happened; it’s not a good time to make a decision when you’re that stressed.”

The reasons many individuals have given for not previously reporting sexual assaults, said Ms. Beasley, include fear of operational impacts or adverse impacts on unit mission accomplishment.

“There may be women deployed downrange, for example, who might not report because they don’t want to have to leave the area of responsibility and force someone else to deploy to take their place,” she said. “But (an assault) affects your whole being, it affects those around you, and it’s harder to do your job without help – it affects the mission.”

Another common reason victims don’t report assaults is fear of disciplinary action due to a victim’s own misconduct at the time of the incident, said Ms. Beasley.

Known as collateral misconduct, this refers to, for example, a person who is underage drinking when a sexual assault occurs.

“Under the new policy, a victim can give a restricted report of the sexual assault incident without having the involved collateral misconduct reported,” she said. “The purpose of the policy is to remove the barriers that have been preventing victims from reporting, and one of the main ones has been fear of self-incrimination.”

Another barrier for victims identified in the past has been shame and worry that others won’t believe the assault happened.

“If people don’t believe you, if there’s gossip in your unit, then you’re being traumatized all over again,” said Ms. Beasley. “Our goal is to create a community where we are saying ‘we believe you and we want to help you.’”

Within 24 hours of a restricted report of an alleged sexual assault, affected commanders will be informed of the incident without personal identifying information about the victim. This will allow commanders to assess the climate of their organization while maintaining the victim’s privacy.

“Information like general location and time of day can help commanders enhance their prevention and education efforts,” she said. “And awareness encourages them to look at their organization for potential contributing factors.”

Prevention is key to the new Air Force policy as well.

“We’re placing increased emphasis on risk management and making smart decisions — don’t have that final drink at the bar, stop and think before you act, and look out for one another,” she said.

Air Force core values, said Ms. Beasley, are really the heart of the policy.

“Integrity First, Service before Self, Excellence in All We Do ... they’re all tied to respect,” she said. “We need to respect ourselves and our wingmen to be successful.”

Zoo trip

The family support center offers a trip to the Opel Zoo from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

All children 17 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or an adult with a medical power of attorney.

Only four children per adult unless the children are siblings. Participants can pack a picnic lunch to take into the zoo or buy from food vendors. A tour in English will be offered.

To reserve a seat, stop by the FSC in Bldg. 347 and bring a 20 euro refundable deposit.

Call 330-7992 for more details.

Jewelry class

The FSC sponsors a teen jewelry-making class from 1 - 3 p.m. July 8 at Our House, Bldg. 627B-2 in Gateway Gardens.

Participants will learn how to make bracelets. Ages 10 and up are welcome.

Call 330-7992 to sign up.

Walking tour

The FSC sponsors a families and teens walking tour of Frankfurt from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 19.

Participants can experience German culture with this introductory tour of the heart of Frankfurt.

Teens 15 and older need a permission slip from their parents to attend on their own and those 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The FSC staff recommends bringing at least 25 euros for expenses.

Call 330-7992 to sign up.

WIC closure

The Women, Infants & Children Program at Rhein-Main is set to close July 20.

Black Forest

The FSC sponsors a free trip to the Black Forest town of Triberg from 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. July 30.

Triberg is famous for its cuckoo and grandfather clocks. A 20 euro refundable deposit is required to sign up.

Movies at Rhein-Main

Friday - "Amityville Horror," (R), 7 p.m.

Saturday - "King's Ransom," (PG-13), 5 p.m. and "The Longest Yard," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - "A Lot Like Love," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Monday - "The Longest Yard," (PG-13), 3 p.m. and "Batman Begins," (PG-13)

Wednesday - "Batman Begins," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

July 8 - "The Interpreter," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

July 9 - "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," (PG), 7 p.m.

July 10 - "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants," (PG), 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities

can be found at

www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp



Around Rhein-Main

E-6, E-7 promotees

The following individuals were inadvertently left off of the promotion list in the previous issue of *The Gateway*:

From the 726th Air Mobility Squadron:

To master sergeant – **Ed Bass**.

To technical sergeant – **Alfred Pineda** and **Sean Riley**.

PME graduates

The following individuals recently graduated from professional military education courses:

■ Senior NCO Academy Class 05-D at Maxwell Air Force Base, Gunter Annex, Ala. – **Master Sgt. Darnell Clark**, 726th AMS.

■ Airman Leadership School Class 2005-6 at Kapaun Air Station, Germany – **Senior Airmen David Day**, **Marques Jenkins** and **Michael Nix**, 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight.

H.H. Arnold graduates

The following individuals graduated from H.H. Arnold High School in Wiesbaden June 12:

Tim Anderson, **Katherine Bass**, **Chris Harris**, **Jamahl Kennard**, **Chris Kitterman**, **Matt McGee**, **Kelly Murton**, **Greg Surpis** and **Philip Turner**.

New gate hours

The Gateway Gardens north (Steigenberger) gate is closed from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily.

Facilities closure

The following facilities are closed:

■ The Gateway Inn (The ATM in the lobby of the building will remain open until a date to be determined in September.)

■ Youth center

■ The Rocket Bowling Center (Liberty Cafe remains open until Sept. 30. Hours of operation are: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mondays - Fridays; 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays.)

Worship services

Chapel services will continue at the chapel through July. Beginning in August, all services will take place in the family support center classroom in Bldg. 347.

Tournament champs

The 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight "B" team won the Rhein-Main Blastoff Softball Tournament following a 13-1 win over the 726th Air Mobility Squadron "A" team Sunday.

Clinic transformation

Caregivers close chapter in base history; open alternate facility

Story and photo by
Airman 1st Class Eric Donner
Public Affairs

After 56 years of caring for servicemembers in the Rhein-Main area, the 469th Air Base Group clinic staff closed the doors of the main operating building for the final time today.

A limited number of medical services will still be available at the alternate clinic in Bldg. 340 on the main base.

The alternate clinic will open for service Tuesday. The staff will have limited capabilities to provide for acute care, including allergies, colds, stitches, and well-baby exams.

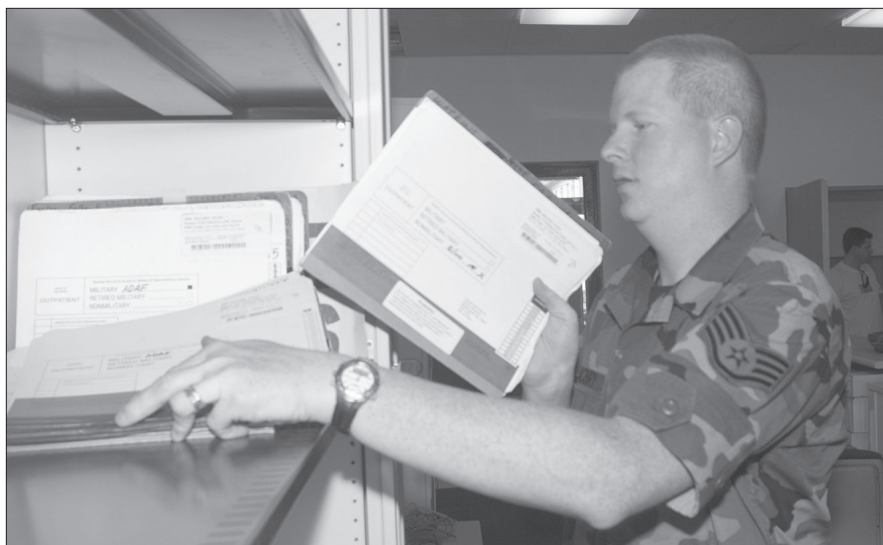
Although somewhat different than the current facility, a clinic has been present on Rhein-Main since the early years of the base.

The first clinic was built in 1949 at a cost of approximately \$72,000 and had 53 inpatient beds.

The current clinic was dedicated during a groundbreaking ceremony Dec. 8, 1989. The 74,000 square-foot facility was designed with a full range of support, ancillary services and a 22-chair dental treatment area.

This state-of-the-art facility cost the U.S. government approximately \$14.2 million and was scheduled to be finished in 1992. However, it did not open until 1995, three years after the projected completion date. That same year, Rhein-Main saw its first major downsizing when the 435th Tactical Airlift Wing was inactivated and the aircraft were reassigned to the 86th Airlift Wing at Ramstein Air Base.

Due to the downsizing, the new



Staff Sgt. Will Zachry, 469th Air Base Group Clinic NCO in charge of patient administration, moves medical files into the alternate clinic location in Bldg. 340 Wednesday. Military members should pick up medical records one day prior to a final-out appointment with the commander's support staff.

building was turned over to the Frankfurt International Airport. Despite the turnover, the Air Force and Rhein-Main still had a need for a base clinic. So, the top floor was leased to serve as a "right-sized" clinic.

From 1995 until now, the clinic, along with the servicemembers and civilian employees, have served the base population and surrounding communities with honor and pride.

"We have a stellar clinic and a great staff – it will be very difficult to say good bye," said Lt. Col. Katherine Callies, 469th Air Base Group Medical Services Flight commander.

"We have a lot of challenges ahead," she continued. "(We're) looking forward while closing facilities."

Alternate clinic phone numbers

Appointments	330-8161
Tricare	330-8165
Pharmacy	330-8168
Family Practice	330-8169
PH/BIO	330-8177
Life Skills	330-7484/7430
Darmstadt Dental	348-7777
	06151697777

The life skills support center has moved to Rooms 245 and 247 in Bldg. 347 (formerly the education center).

The phone numbers are 330-7484 or 330-7430 and fax is 330-6224. Operating hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 7:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



The Final Chapter

This section is devoted to the history and legacy of Rhein-Main and how this storied installation will close with grace and dignity. Look for stories on the history of the base, units stationed here and how the closure of facilities affect the mission. Rhein-Main, the "Final Chapter".